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TO: Dr. Calsoyas

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Dear Dr. Calsoyas

I was in Stockholm last week when your letters arrived. Enclosed is the ~~Y&Y~~ article you requested. I talked briefly to Dr. Edning in Stockholm, by the way, and he is in full agreement with my comment.

I have also sent a copy of your request to Drs. Sagan and Tamplin. They are in the process of getting their manuscripts through some widely available journals; and I must leave it to them whether they can furnish copies prior to publication.

In my own opinion, Dr. Sternglass's estimates are grossly exaggerated. However, I would prefer that the natural background (0.1 r per year) be used as a standard of measuring safety, rather than the 1 r per year calculated as the "doubling dose" for genetic effect. However, this is at the moment a purely academic question, for population exposures remain quite small by comparison with the figure of 0.1 r.

I have no information on the distribution of radio-iodine or other products about which some concern has properly been expressed.

Sincerely yours,

